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TO : MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 27 February 1952

FROM :  25X1A

SUBJECT: Status of the Director's Letter to the Comp. Gen., dated 29 October 1951, Concerning Employment of Retired Foreign Service Officers

1. The subject letter is being held in GAO pending receipt of information requested from the State Department by GAO.

2. I talked to Mr. J. Edward Lyerly, State Department Legal Staff, today concerning GAO's request. It appears that the request, signed by (Judge) A. A. Peter (?) is in substance little more than an extract of the five questions posed in the subject letter, coupled with a request for State's opinion. This has resulted in some confusion in State. The Personnel Division found themselves on the fence due to the possibility of the recall of retired reserves during an emergency, and sent the request to the legal staff for their opinion.

3. Mr. Lyerly has had a man working on the request even though he is not at all clear what it is that GAO is asking for. It is expected that the man working on the request will have his material lined out within the next day or so and at that time Mr. Lyerly intends to call Lyle Fisher or Judge Peter to find out just what they want.

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Attachment - Background material on subject

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